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IN APPLICATIONS: **ERGONOMIC HANDLE**
APPLICATION NO.: 09/425,743
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Further to the telephone message that I left with Examiner Graham on March 27, 2001 and his return message to me that this case has not yet been examined and he was expecting it to come up for examination in about two to three months time, as advised verbally, I hereby submit a preliminary amendment to this application in the way of additional claims.

Kindly insert the following additional claims:

21) An ergonomic paint brush handle comprising:

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- (a) a means for attaching a brush head to said paint brush handle proximate a brush end wherein said attaching means oriented substantially along a brush plane;
 - (b) a handle section integrally part of said paint brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush handle being adapted to be gripped in a hand.

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- Charge Any Additional Fee Required
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- Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27

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101	710	201	355		Utility filing fee
106	320	208	160		Design filing fee
107	490	207	245		Plant filing fee
108	710	208	355		Reissue filing fee
114	150	214	75		Provisional filing fee

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
39	-20** = 19	18	342
7	-3** = 4	80	320
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103	18	203	9		Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40		Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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105	130	205	65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130		Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	820*	112	820*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55		Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195		Extension for reply within second month
117	890	217	445		Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218	695		Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	228	945		Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155		Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135		Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55		Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241	620		Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242	620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220		Design issue fee
144	600	244	300		Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130		Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50		Petitions related to provisional applications
126	240	126	240		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	710	279	355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900		Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) _____

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